

Erick Cottage
Jo Daviess County
Galena, Illinois

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BRICK COTTAGE
Galena, JoDaviess County, Illinois

Owner: Ulrich Estate, Galena, Illinois.

Date of Erection: 1838-1840. North portion later.

Builder: Jesse I. Morrison

Present Condition: Fairly good.

Number of Stories: One and one-half.

Materials of Construction: Rubble stone foundations, brick walls, wood shingles, wood sills throughout, wood lintels in addition.

Other Existing Records: JoDaviess County Abstracts.

Additional Data: Secured from abstract office, JoDaviess County, Galena, Illinois.

Jesse Morrison and his wife bought lots number 3,4 and 5, on which the house stands, from the Government in 1838. In 1841 they sold part of Lot #4, with improvements, to Henry I. Morrison. The balance of the property was sold to Peter Spect. The sale of part of Lot #4 with improvements for a consideration of \$500 indicates that the first unit of the cottage was built between 1838 and 1841. Internal and external conditions indicate that the south portion of the house was built first.

Several years later Henry I Morrison sold his part of Lot #4 to Peter Spect, who built an addition to the north and another to the east. Other additions were built and were put to use for the brewing of beer, but there is no trace of them now. The brew-master lived in the Brick Cottage. Peter Spect lived in a large building, erected upon stone vaults, still standing to the north of the cottage, which also served as a tavern. A well in the north end of the property supplied water for the brewery as well as the near-by community.

The cottage was sold to Jacob Koehler, then to Rudolph Speier, then to the National Bank of Galena and from the Bank to Andrew Ulrich, in 1881.

This property is still owned by the Ulrich Estate. The building at present is in fairly good condition. It is now occupied by a family who use only the first floor.

By Margaret S. Jones

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